



The Town of Sunset Beach

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A RESOLUTION OF SUNSET BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA TOWN COUNCIL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AS PROPOSED IN BOEM PEIS OPT A AND OPT B.

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to harm marine life; and,

WHEREAS, seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B has the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach is a municipality in Brunswick County where a major economic force is tourism related to the coastal environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach endeavors to be a good steward of the coastal environment and its resources; and,

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing as proposed in BOEM Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement alternative A and alternative B are not yet fully understood by scientists, the Oil & Gas industry or BOEM; and,

WHEREAS, Town of Sunset Beach believes that more research should be done to fully understand all impacts of seismic testing and options for mitigation of those impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach does not believe seismic testing as currently proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is the safest way to map oil and gas deposits in the mid-Atlantic region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, is opposed to seismic testing as proposed in alternative A or alternative B of BOEM’s Programmatic Environmental Impact until such time as all testing options are evaluated and proper assurances for the protection of marine life are established.

This Resolution adopted the _____ day of _____, _____.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Ron Watts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk